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In re application of: Normand Nantel

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR NON-DESTRUCTIVE MASS SENSING

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

- Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

- Applicant is other than a small entity.

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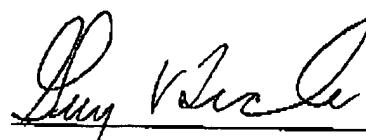
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